

The PRICE OF FRANKS LYNDE

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CHAPTER VII.

After suffering all the pangs of those who lose between the touch and the clutch, Griswold had found the red-handkerchief bundle, precisely where it had been hidden; namely, buried safely in the deckload of sacked coffee on the engine-room guard. It came to light in the final half-hour of the voyage, when he and his mates were transferring the coffee to the main deck forward. It had not been disturbed; and what had happened was obvious enough, after the fact. After its hiding, arm's-length deep, in a cranny between the sacks, some sudden jar of the boat had very slightly shifted the cargo, closing one cranny and opening another.

With the money once more in his possession he had a swift return of the emotions which had thrilled him when he found himself standing on the sidewalk in front of the Bayou State Security with the block of banknotes under his arm.

As to the battle for the keeping, which was probably awaiting him at the St. Louis landing, the prospect of the coming blows, man-fashion, with the enemy, was not wholly unwelcome.

The few necessary preliminaries were arranged while the Belle Julie was backing and filling for the landing. Since to be taken with the money in his possession was to give the enemy the chance of winning at one stroke both the victory and the spoils, he made a confederate of the negro, whose part he had taken in the quarrel with McGrath. The man was grateful and loyal according to his gifts, and Griswold's need was too pressing to stick at any trifle of untelligence.

"What'll you do when I'm done, you'll go ashore with me on the spring line," he said, when he found his man at the heel of the landing stage.

"Yes, suh, Mars' Gravit; dat's me, sholy." "All right. You see this bundle. If anybody tackles me while we're making fast, I'm going to drop it, and you must get it and run away. Do you understand?"

"What-all mus' I do when I's done, tuk out wid it?"

"Get away, first; then keep out of sight, and hang around the levee for an hour or two. If I don't turn up before you get tired, pitch the thing into the river and go about your business. If you open it, I'll conjure you worse than any Obi-man you ever heard of."

"No, suh! I ain't gwine open hit, no, suh!"

"Well, there is—the worst kind of conjure this old world has ever known. But it won't hurt you if you don't meddle with it. Keep your wits about you, and be ready to grab it and run. Here we go."

The pilot had found his wharfage and was edging the Belle Julie up to it. The bow men paid out slack, and Griswold and the black, dropping from the swinging stage, trailed the end of the wet hawser up to the nearest mooring ring. Griswold bade the negro keep watch and knelt to knot the hawser in the ring. While the negro sentinel was stammering, "L-I-look-out, Mars' Cap'm!" the trap was sprung.

In deference to the upcoming passage from the Belle Julie, the two men catchers tried to do their job quietly. But Griswold would not have it so, and he was up and had twisted himself free from a blow from a clubbed pistol drove him back to his knees. Half stunned by the clubbing, he still made shift to spring afire again, to drop his handkerchief bundle and kick it aside, and to close with his assailant while the negro was snatching among the treasure and darting away from the freight pyramids. After that he had but one thought; to keep the two plain-clothes men busy until the negro had made his escape. Even this proved to be a forlorn hope, since the smaller of the two instantly broke away to give chase, while the other stepped back, spun his weapon in air, and leveled it.

Rage-blinded as he was, Griswold knew that the leveled pistol meant surrender or death. When his captor aimed toward him and was walking him toward a closed carriage drawn up before the nearest saloon in the river-fronting street, he ventured to ask what he was wanted for.

"You'll find that out soon enough," was the curt reply, and nothing more was said until the carriage was reached and the door had been jerked open. "Get in!" commanded the majesty of the law, and when the door was slammed upon the captive, the plain-clothes man turned to the driver, a little wizened Irishman with a face like a shriveled winter apple. "What time does that New Orleans fast train pull out?"

Griswold heard the reply: "Sixty-four, five, six, and something in the thin, piping voice gave him fresh courage. Through the open window of the carriage he saw his captor glance at his watch and begin an impatient sentry beat up and down under the electric transparency advertising the particular brand of whisky specialized by the saloon. He was evidently waiting for his colleague to bring in the negro, and time passed.

The spring evening was raw and chilly, and the open doors of the saloon volleyed light and warmth and a beckoning invitation. Griswold's gift, prostituted to the service of the changed point of view, bade him read in the red face, the loose lip and the bibulous eyes the temptation that was gripping the plain-clothes man.

By a careful contortion of the man's hands, which seemed suddenly to have become endowed with the crafty deftness of the hands of a pick-

TOLD BY LOCAL EXCHANGES

News Happenings in Neighboring Communities.

CONDENSED FOR QUICK READING

Dealing Mainly With Local Affairs of Cherokee, Cleveland, Gaston, Lancaster and Chester.

Chester, July 15: Prof. W. J. McGarity of Richburg, was notified Monday of his election as superintendent of the Alken graded schools. Prof. McGarity was not an applicant for the position, and his election, therefore, is a decided compliment, as the Alken schools are among the best in the state. Messrs. H. B. Shannon, T. W. Patrick, G. W. Ferguson and C. L. McDill, constituted a party from Chester that were guests at a neighborhood picnic last Sunday, for the purpose of standing up to you on a bit of green grass with nobody looking on. I take it all back. You say you haven't forgotten; neither will I forget, and maybe my turn will come again, some day.

"Go along with you," growled the rough-tongued Irishman, whose very kindness had a tinge of brutality to it. "If you're coming across the naygur, Mose, anywhere, send him back and tell him I'll see that he gets real money for helping us unload. Off with ye, now, whilst they're catching up with your runaway cab."

Griswold went leisurely, as befitted his theory, and upon reaching the levee, turned aside among the freight pyramids in search of his confederate. Now that there was time to recall the facts he feared that the negro had been taken. He had secured but a few yards' start in the race, and his pursuer was a white man, able to back speed with intelligence. Griswold had a sickening fit of despair when he contemplated the possibility of failure with the goal almost in sight; and the reaction, when he stumbled upon the negro skulking in the shadows of a lumber cache, was sharp enough to make him faint and dizzy.

The negro did not recognize him at first and was about to run away, when Griswold shook off the benumbing weakness and called out. "Tank de good Lawd! Is dat you all, Cap'm Gravit? I's dat shuck up I couldn't recognize my own mammy! Tek dislay chunah-bag of yours 'n' I gwine drap hit. Hit's des been bun'n' my han's ev' sense I done tuk out wid it."

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"Where's the fellow who was chasing you, Mose?" he asked. "Ise new gwine tell you dat, no, suh. Las' time I seed him, he's des 'larin' off strips up de levee after turrer fellah."

"What other fellow?" The negro laughed and did a double shuffle at the mere recollection of it. "Hi-yah! Turrer fellah is de fellah whine tuk my job. Hit was des when I tink dat white man gwine catch me, sholy, I des drap down in de darkest cawneh I kn kn kn, dat's what I done, suh. He des keep on a-goin', spat, spat, spat, and when he come out front de General Jackson over yonde, one dem boys what's wukkin' on her, he tuk out, an' dat white man des tuk'n hisself loose an' mek his laigs go lak'n he gwine shek 'um plum off; yas, sah!"

Griswold suffered another lapse into the humanities when he saw the white man's face. He was deseadly with each fresh complication, and he said, "I'm sorry for that, Mose."

"Nev' you min' 'bout dat, Cap'm. Dat boy he been doin' somplein to mek him touchous, 'less'n he nev' tuk out dat-a-way, no, suh!"

"Maybe so. Well, we can't help it now. Here is the twenty I promised you."

"Tank you, suh; tank you kinly, Cap'm. You-all's des de whites' white man ev' I knowed. You sholy is 'What are you going to do with younaw, now?" Griswold inquired.

"What me? I's gwine up yonde to dat restera'n an' git me de bigges mess o' fried fish I can hol'—dat's me, yas, suh."

"McGrath says he'll pay you levee wages if you'll come back to the boat and help get the cargo out of her."

"Reckon I ain't gwine back to the Julie; no, suh. Dat'd be gittin' rich too fas' for dis nighg. Good-nigh, Cap'm Gravit; an' tank you kinly, suh."

Griswold went his way musing upon the little object lesson afforded by the negro's determination. Here was a fellow man who was one of the feeblest of the underdogs in the great social fight; and with money enough in hand to give him at least a breathing interval, his highest ambition was a mess of fried fish.

The object lesson was suggestive, if not specially encouraging, and Griswold made a mental note of it for further study when the question of present safety should be more satisfactorily answered.

(To be Continued.)

HAPPENINGS IN THE STATE

Items of Interest From All Sections of South Carolina.

Several houses occupied by negroes in Chester, were destroyed by fire Friday night.

The Baptist conference which began in Greenville last Sunday, came to a close Friday evening.

The Wesley Bible Class Federation of the Methodist church is being held in Spartanburg this week.

State Senator J. J. Evans of Marlboro county, is ill with appendicitis and will have to undergo an operation.

Miss Dorothy Napier, Richland county demonstration agent, proposes to establish a canning class at the state hospital for the insane.

Governor Manning has appointed J. H. Lewis supervisor of Marlboro county, to succeed M. E. Coward, resigned.

Johnnie Owens, a 17-year-old boy of Anderson, lost his life while swimming in Rocky river near that city Friday afternoon.

The South Carolina Farmers' Union has received notice of the opening of a Farmers' Union produce market in Jacksonville.

Henry Turner, colored, is dead of wounds he received when he attempted to rob the store of A. G. Sack at Pinewood, in Clarendon county, last week.

Mrs. C. H. Tavel of Charleston, fell dead in a picture show in that city Thursday evening. A short time ago her husband was accidentally electrocuted.

Solomon Wright, a negro boy, shot and killed Jack Sumter, a colored youth, near Orangeburg Thursday, with a shotgun. He didn't know his gun was loaded.

Allan Johnson, a negro, who is charged with stabbing Haekell Martin, a young white boy to death in Union last week, is being held in the state penitentiary for safe-keeping.

A two-year-old child of Ernest Winn of Edgefield county, was crushed to death Wednesday when a bale of cotton upon which it had been playing, toppled over upon it.

The Hardware Association of the Carolinas, which was in session at the Isle of Palms, Charleston, last week, selected Chattanooga, Tenn., as the place of next meeting.

The insurance department of the state, sinking fund commission has issued a policy to Clemson college for the insurance of the college property in the sum of \$330,164.77, for three years at a premium of \$12,941.36.

Charlton DuRant was on Wednesday elected senator from Clarendon county to succeed the late Louis Apple. He defeated John R. Dingle and J. W. Wideman by an overwhelming majority.

Dr. Annie Austin of Cross-Keys, Laurens county, has been selected as woman physician and Dr. E. L. Hargrove of Orangeburg, has been elected pathologist at the state hospital for the insane.

The Chicago Association of Commerce has suggested the erection of a monument to the memory of the late Col. David DuBois, Galliard of South Carolina, on account of the work he did in connection with the building of the Panama canal.

Mrs. D. N. Brown, proprietress of a boarding house in Spartanburg, was fined \$5 in the Spartanburg police court last week for disorderly conduct. The lady's chickens encroached upon the premises of her neighbors and when they complained she roundly cursed them.

The recorder of the city of Columbia has addressed a letter to the city attorney asking whether or not it would be legal to hold recorder's court in that city on Sunday mornings, thus disposing of prisoners who are arrested the day before and preventing their imprisonment from Saturday night until Monday morning.

A will containing bequests amounting to \$150,000, the same being the last will and testament of Maria De Witt Jones of New York, has been probated in the probate court of Charleston county. This is believed to be the largest will ever probated in the state, and was made necessary because the deceased owned \$50,000 worth of stock in the Central railroad of South Carolina.

Wednesday morning, the family of R. F. Haynsworth of Sumter was attracted by the loud and continued blowing of their automobile horn and upon investigation it was found that the automobile was on fire and the blowing of the horn was caused by the fire. The blaze was extinguished after the automobile had been damaged and the building partly burned. The automobile had not been used since the night before and it is supposed that it caught from a short circuit. Anyway it was this short circuit or fire which caused the horn to give the alarm before the fire had spread to the other buildings.

THE POTASH CENTER

Stassfurt in Saxony Spot of Interest to the Fertilizer World.

The war isolation of the little town of Stassfurt in the province of Saxony, Prussia, with its neighborhood richly productive of potash salts, has caused more stir and annoyance in the neutral world than the isolation of many larger and much more famous places, says a bulletin issued by the National Geographic society, which tells of the work that has been done by the United States Geological survey toward the determination of adequate native sources of this necessary mineral.

Germany has been the world's great source of potassium compounds used in the preparation of fertilizers and industrial processes. The production of these salts for world-demand has centered at Stassfurt, a little town of 20,000 on the Bode river, 20 miles south of Magdeburg. The United States has been a very heavy taker of German output, importing millions of dollars worth each year. While the bulk of the potash salts is employed in the manufacture of manure salts, large quantities are consumed in the soap, match-making, glass-making and pharmaceutical industries. Especially has the general chemical

Summary of Note.

The summary of the note is as follows: "In view of differences which are understood to exist between the two governments as to the principle of application in prize court proceedings in cases involving American shipping, to avoid any misunderstanding, the United States government in the United States in regard to such process the government of the United States informs the British government that the United States government is not prepared to recognize the principle of prize court proceedings in cases involving American shipping, and will not recognize the principle of prize court proceedings in cases involving American shipping."

Gastonia Gazette, July 16: Mr. J. M. Atwood of Clover, S. C., was in the city Friday afternoon and left at the

GENERAL NEWS NOTES

Items of Interest Gathered from All Around the World.

The business section of Valdez, Alaska, was damaged \$500,000 by fire Thursday.

Major Richard Sylvester, formerly chief of police of Washington, has been appointed chief of the duPont police at City Point, Va.

Robert Rosenthal, convicted of court martial in London as a spy, he having forged American passport, was executed Thursday.

Cham Clark, speaker of the national house of representatives, has pledged himself to support women suffrage in his home state, Missouri.

Federal customs records show that during the eleven months ending June 30, the United States exported automobiles, parts and tires to the value of \$41,000,000.

A Geneva, Switzerland, dispatch is to the effect that a big strike is threatened in the Krupp gun works at Essen, Germany. The men are demanding more pay and shorter hours.

During last week munition orders totaling \$35,000,000 were placed by agents of the Russian government with the Westinghouse company of Pittsburgh, Pa.

The duPont Powder company has announced that it has declared now they have orders ahead for powder and other explosives sufficient to keep all their plants busy at full speed for five years.

The Liberty Bell arrived in San Francisco Friday, after a triumphal journey across the continent. The bell was greeted by 50,000 school children in a parade through the city streets on Saturday.

Dr. R. E. Pratt, chief of the Federal bureau of foreign and domestic commerce, estimates that the total loans of American money and credit to European belligerents is over \$500,000,000, and says such loans are an economic error.

Mrs. Inez Marnish, 23 years old, killed herself and two children, aged 2 and 8 years, in Philadelphia Friday, by shutting herself and children in a closet and turning on the gas.

Left a note saying that her husband loved her children more than he did and she didn't care to live.

John Moran, a machinist, started a riot in New York Friday night, when he pulled an American flag from a platform from which an evangelist was preaching to a crowd of men. Jack Powell, a sailor from the battleship Maine, lead the assault on Moran, who was badly mauled before being rescued by the police.

Secretary Daniels has deferred the opening of bids for sixteen submarines to September 29, in order to give the New Port News Shipbuilding company and the New York Shipbuilding company an opportunity to make bids for the work. Neither of these concerns have heretofore bid for submarine work.

Says a dispatch from Copenhagen: A private dispatch from Berlin, which was passed by the German censor, says that excitement is growing rapidly among the German population on account of Social Democratic pamphlets demanding a rapid conclusion of the war owing to the increasing prices for all foodstuffs. Martial law will be declared all over Germany, it is said, to suppress all demonstrations.

Statement Too Strong, Maybe—Miss Jane Addams is a great woman and a great worker. Her life is a story of love and service. She is a woman of great courage and great faith. She is a woman of great love and great service. She is a woman of great courage and great faith. She is a woman of great love and great service.

When chiropractors adjusted two vertebrae in the neck of Frank Van Wie of Milwaukee, Wis., whose mind had been blank for two years, he awoke to find himself married and in the home of his wife. He had lost his mind following an injury and had wandered without knowing what he was doing until cured.

Taking advantage of a sunrise rehearsal when the young women students were practicing an elaborate dance on the lawn, a burglar entered the dressing room of a fashionable school of art and expression at Los Angeles, and made off with eight purses, containing \$13.20 in "pin" money. In addition to the purses, the girls reported to the police that several bits of jewelry had been stolen.

The Norwegian diet recently passed a law providing that the licenses of motion picture theatres in Norway shall expire in 1918. The cities may then renew the licenses or establish municipal motion picture shows. Many of the cities propose to show educational films in municipalized theatres, thinking the surplus earnings of the theatres will increase the city revenues. The proprietors of the motion picture houses will lose their businesses without compensation, although some of the cities are extending the time for cancelling the licenses until 1918.

Cotton Oil Candy.—We are not yet even at the beginning of the possibilities in the cottonseed. A few summers ago the Overseas stood made from cottonseed oil and for a time it had a popular run as a novelty. The market value of cottonseed oil, however, made the cotton oil ice cream rather an expensive experiment. Now has come the cotton oil candy. The Southern Cotton Oil company has been distributing samples of this candy among the farmers of the cotton belt, and the candy is being well received. The candy is made of cottonseed oil, and is a most agreeable taste, and its composition not being known it would be taken as a good brand of molasses taffy.—Charlotte Observer.

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